



DESIGNATED SUBJECTS VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TEACHING CREDENTIALS

FULL-TIME VOCATIONAL

The Preliminary, Clear, or Professional Clear Full-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the subjects named on the credential in grades K–12, and in classes organized primarily for adults, in technical, trade, or vocational courses which are part of a program of technical, trade, or vocational education. In addition, the holder may serve as a substitute in any vocational class for up to 30 days for any one teacher during the school year.

Vocational Education Teaching Credentials are issued to individuals who meet the requirements listed below and who apply through and are recommended by either a Commission-approved Local Education Agency (LEA) or by an Employing School District (ESD). A list of approved LEAs (leaflet [CL-506](#)) may be obtained from the Commission's website.

Requirements for the Full-Time Vocational Credential

For the five-year* **preliminary** credential, applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Verify five years of work experience directly related to each subject to be named on the credential (One year shall equal a minimum of 1,500 clock hours, and the experience may be either full or part time, or paid or unpaid. You may substitute 48 semester units of postsecondary vocational training related to the subject to be named on the credential and verified by official transcript for a maximum of two of the five years of work experience. This substitution may be made on a pro rata basis up to the two-year maximum.) See Terms and Definitions below.

At least one year of the required work experience must be within the three years immediately preceding the issuance of the preliminary credential (Teaching is not generally accepted as work experience.) However, for the purpose of meeting the recency requirement, any of the following, or a combination of the following, may be cumulated to total 1,500 clock hours:

- work experience
 - college-level related course work
 - non-college related course work
 - occupational internship
 - vocational teaching experience
2. **One** of the following requirements must be satisfied:
 - a. possess a high school diploma
 - b. possess a diploma based on passage of the GED Test
 - c. possess the foreign equivalent of a high school diploma
 3. U.S. Constitution – applicants must satisfy **one** of the following requirements:
 - a. complete a course (at least two semester units or three quarter units) in the provisions and principles of the U.S. Constitution (Submit a copy of the course description for evaluation purposes.)
 - b. pass an examination in the Provisions and Principles of the U.S. Constitution given by a regionally-accredited junior college, community college, college or university
 4. Obtain verification, signed by a Commission-approved [LEA](#), or by an ESD authorized to do so in accordance with guidelines established by the Commission, that the applicant has been fully apprised of the requirements for both the preliminary and professional clear credentials, including Level I and Level II requirements of the program of personalized preparation

***Period of Validity:** A preliminary full-time vocational credential valid for **one year** may be issued to applicants who have completed all requirements except #4, U.S. Constitution. The credential may be extended to its full five-year term upon application once that requirement has been met. An initial Preliminary Full-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential issued on the basis of the applicant's satisfaction of requirements 1–4, specified above, authorizes service for **no more than two years** from the date of issuance of the credential unless the holder's employer (ESD) receives form CL-787, Verification of Completion of Level I

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Requirements from the LEA through which the holder completed those requirements. Once the holder's employer receives this verification, the credential's validity period will automatically be extended for the remainder of the five-year period from the date of issuance of the credential. **There is no need to apply for this extension.** The LEA's verification of completion of Level I requirements is the only documentation required in this process. If the credential holder's ESD is not known to the LEA, form CL-787 will be sent directly to the credential holder for forwarding to the employer. The LEA shall also submit this form directly to the Commission to assist in documenting that the holder completed Level I requirements.

For the **professional clear** credential, **all** of the following requirements must be satisfied:

1. Possess a valid Preliminary Full-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential
2. Obtain verification by the ESD of the successful teaching of a minimum of one course in each of four terms within the five-year period of validity of the preliminary vocational education teaching credential (Two of these terms must be with one ESD. The teaching must have been to learners at the grade level and in the subject(s) authorized by the preliminary vocational education teaching credential and must have occurred while holding the valid Preliminary Full-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential.)
3. Obtain verification by an [LEA](#) that the applicant has completed all Level I and Level II requirements of a Commission-approved program of personalized preparation, including the use of computers in an instructional setting
4. Complete a unit requirement in health education, including, but not limited to, nutrition; the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse; and the use of tobacco (This requirement must also include training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] that covers infant, child, and adult CPR skills.)

PART-TIME VOCATIONAL

The Preliminary, Clear, or Professional Clear Part-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach not more than half-time in the subject named on the credential in grades K–12, and in classes organized primarily for adults, in technical, trade, or vocational courses which are part of a program of technical, trade, or vocational education. For the purpose of this credential, half-time for the holder of this credential who teaches in only one school district shall not exceed one-half of a full-time assignment for vocational educators in that school district. Half-time for the holder of this credential who teaches in more than one school district shall not exceed one-half of the greatest number of hours considered to be a full-time assignment for vocational educators in any one of the districts.

Requirements for the Part-time Vocational Credential

For the five-year* **preliminary** credential, applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Verify five years of work experience directly related to each subject to be named on the credential (One year shall equal a minimum of 1,500 clock hours, and the experience may be either full or part time, or paid or unpaid. You may substitute 48 semester units of postsecondary vocational training related to the subject to be named on the credential and verified by official transcript for a maximum of two of the five years of work experience. This substitution may be made on a pro rata basis up to the two-year maximum.) See Terms and Definitions below.

At least one year of the required work experience must be within the three years immediately preceding the issuance of the preliminary credential (Teaching is not generally accepted as work experience.) However, for the purpose of meeting the recency requirement, any of the following, or a combination of the following, may be cumulated to total 1,500 clock hours:

- work experience
 - college-level related course work
 - non-college related course work
 - occupational internship
 - vocational teaching experience
2. **One** of the following requirements must be satisfied:
 - a. possess a high school diploma
 - b. possess a diploma based on passage of the GED Test
 - c. possess the foreign equivalent of a high school diploma
 3. Obtain verification, signed by a Commission-approved [LEA](#), or by an ESD authorized to do so in accordance with guidelines established by the Commission, that the applicant has been fully apprised of the requirements for both the preliminary and professional clear credentials, including the program of personalized preparation

* **Period of Validity:** An initial Preliminary Part-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential issued on the basis of the applicant's satisfaction of requirements 1–3, specified above, authorizes service for **no more than two years** from the date of issuance of the credential unless the holder's employer (ESD) receives form CL-787, Verification of Completion of Level I Requirements from the LEA through which the holder completed those requirements. Once the holder's employer receives this verification, the credential's validity period will automatically be extended for the remainder of the five-year period from the date of issuance of the credential. **There is no need to apply for this extension.** The LEA's verification of completion of Level I requirements is the only documentation required in this process. If the credential holder's ESD is not known to the LEA, form CL-787 will be sent directly to the credential holder for forwarding to the employer. The LEA shall also submit this form directly to the Commission to assist in documenting that the holder completed Level I requirements.

For the **clear** credential or **professional clear** credential, applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Possess a valid Preliminary Part-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential
2. Obtain verification by the ESD of the successful teaching of a minimum of one course in each of four terms within the five-year period of validity of the preliminary vocational education teaching credential (Two of these terms must be with one ESD. The teaching must have been to learners at the grade level and in the subject[s] authorized by the preliminary vocational education teaching credential and must have occurred while holding the valid Preliminary Part-Time Vocational Education Teaching Credential.)
3. Obtain verification by an LEA that the applicant has completed all Level I requirements of a Commission-approved program of personalized preparation, including the use of computers, in an instructional setting
4. Complete a unit requirement in health education, including, but not limited to, nutrition; the physiological and sociological effects of alcohol, narcotic, and drug abuse; and the use of tobacco (This requirement must also include training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation [CPR] that covers infant, child, and adult CPR skills.)

Verification of Work Experience

Title 5 Regulations require verification of five years of work experience or its equivalent related to each subject to be named on the credential. Verification of work experience means written confirmation of the applicant's qualifying experience, signed by the applicant's past or present employer(s) on company letterhead that attests to and/or includes **all** of the following:

1. Employer's name, address, and telephone number
2. The working relationship of the person signing the verification to the applicant
3. Beginning and ending dates of employment
4. Complete description of duties
5. A statement as to whether or not the employment was full-time (If employment was less than full-time, provide an accounting of the number of hours the applicant was employed.)

If the applicant was self-employed or if the applicant's experience was a vocational, verification shall include a statement, signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury, detailing the information described in 1–5 above, and must be further substantiated, in writing, by other person(s) having first-hand knowledge of the applicant's self-employment or avocation, such as the applicant's accountant, major supplier of goods, or major user of goods or services.

Terms and Definitions

Work Experience: According to Title 5 §80034(h), "work experience" as it applies to Designated Subjects Vocational Education Teaching Credentials, means full-time or part-time experience directly related to the subject to be named on the credential. Work experience may be paid or not paid. No more than one year of work experience shall apply toward meeting designated subjects credential requirements during any twelve calendar month period. 1500 clock hours shall be the minimum required for each year of work experience. Part-time work experience may be cumulated to equate to the required 1500 clock hours of work experience.

- *Requested subjects that do not appear below will be placed within an existing subject, if appropriate. Additional subjects may be added from time to time to accommodate new or emerging subjects.*

Reference: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 80034, 80034.5, 80035, 80035.1, 80035.5, 80036.5, 80042, and 80569

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Subjects that can be listed on the credential

A

Accounting occupations
Agriculture business management and marketing
Agriculture mechanics
Airframe and powerplant mechanics
Amusement and theme park occupations
Animal care
Animal control
Animal production
Athletic trainer
Automobile detailing

Automotive body repair and refinishing
Automotive brake installation and repair
Automotive electrical systems service and repair
Automotive heating and air-conditioning service
Automotive mechanics
Automotive parts counterperson
Automotive suspension and steering repair
Automotive transmission and transaxle service and repair
Avionics

B

Banking
Barbering
Bicycle repair

Biomedical equipment technology
Boat building
Business management

C

Carpentry
Child care
Clothing, alteration and repair
Commercial art
Commercial diving
Commercial photography
Communications electronics
Computer applications
Computer assisted manufacturing
Computer electronics
Computer maintenance and repair
Computer programming

Computer software operation
Computer systems operation
Concrete placing and finishing
Construction equipment operation
Construction inspection
Control system maintenance and repair
Cosmetology
Court reporting
Crop production
Custodial services
Customer service representative

D

Dental services
Diesel equipment mechanics
Dietetics and nutrition service
Drafting occupations
Drywall installation

E

Elderly care services (non-medical)
Electric motor repair
Electrical power distribution
Electrician
Electronic consumer products service
Electronic publishing

Electronics assembly
Energy, environment and resource management
Engine performance technician
Engineering occupations
Event and conference planning

F

Fabric maintenance services
Family and human service occupations
Fashion design
Fashion manufacturing (factory and custom)
Fashion merchandising
Financial management and services
Fire control and safety
Fire fighting
Fire sprinkler installation

Floor covering installation
Floriculture and floristry
Food and beverage production and preparation
Food and beverage services
Forestry, natural resources and rural recreation
Foundry work
Furniture making, finishing and refinishing

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Subjects that can be listed on the credential *(continued)*

G

General contracting
Glazing

H

Hazardous materials occupations	Heating, air-conditioning, and ventilation installation and service
Health care biotechnology services	Heavy equipment maintenance and repair
Health care diagnostic services	Hotel and lodging occupations
Health care information services	Hybrid microelectronics
Health care preventive services	Hydroelectric plant operations
Health care supportive services	

I

Income tax preparation	Instrument repair
Industrial ceramics manufacturing	Insurance occupations
Industrial electronics	Interior design
Industrial maintenance	Interior maintenance (residential and commercial)
Information processing	International trade
Information systems management	Interpreter for the deaf

J

Jewelry design, fabrication, and repair
Journalism occupations

L

Landscaping	Legal office occupations
Lathing	Locksmithing and safe repair
Law enforcement occupations	

M

Machine tool operation and machine shop	Medical office services
Major appliance repair	Metal fabrication
Manicuring and pedicuring	Millwork and cabinet making
Marine power plant maintenance and repair	Motor sweeper operator
Marketing	Motorcycle service and repair
Masonry	Multimedia production

N

Nursing services

O

Office machine repair	Optical goods work
Office occupations	Ornamental nursery operation

P

Painting-construction	Plumbing
Performing arts occupations	Pool and spa service
Personnel administration occupations	Printing and graphics occupations
Pipefitting and steamfitting	Product development, testing and demonstration
Plastering	Protective and security services
Plastics and composites manufacturing occupations	

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Subjects that can be listed on the credential (continued)

R

Railroad operations	Residential and commercial repair and remodeling
Real estate	Retail occupations
Recreation	Robotics
Refrigeration installation and maintenance	Roofing

S

Secretarial/stenography occupations	Small engine service and repair
Sheet metal fabrication	Stage technology
Shoe repair	Structural and reinforcement ironwork
Small appliance repair	Structural pest control
Small business ownership and/or management	Surveying

T

Teaching/teacher aide	Therapeutic services
Technical illustration	Tile setting
Telecommunications	Tool and die making
Textile design	Tow truck operation
Textile production and fabrication	Transportation occupations, travel services
Theatrical occupations	Truck and bus driving

U

Upholstering

W

Warehousing	Waterfront manufacturing
Water treatment	Welding
